

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation  
Advisory Board (PPRAB)  
Recommendation to Teaneck Council

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THANK YOU, Dr. George Reskakis, former Chairperson and Vice Chairperson who resigned November, 2020, due to moving out of town.

# PPRAB Recommendations to Council

## December 11, 2017

- 1. PAL Building be razed and the parking lot removed so that Kieliszek Park can be enlarged
- 2. Supported all of the October 30, 2017, MOST Advisory Board recommendations to Council
- 3. Leashed dogs be allowed in all Township parks
- 4. Improve the ground cover to grass or synthetic turf in the dog park
- 5. Phelps Park Arboretum be transferred to the Shade Tree Advisory Board (STAB)

# PPRAB Concerns to Council 12/11/2017

1. In 2018, Teaneck's Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) needs to be revised and then incorporated into Teaneck's Master Plan so that Teaneck gets favorable positioning when applying for NJDEP Green Acres funding
2. That Teaneck's Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) be reviewed, updated, if necessary, and sent to the PPRAB and other advisory boards, commissions and State of New Jersey, if needed
3. Ensure Palisade Avenue's electric sign works well
4. Rodda Center Repairs are undertaken with a significant monetary commitment from the Township
5. Master scheduling system for the Rodda Center, Township fields and the use of the public school gyms on a Monday to Friday schedule

# PPRAB Recommendations to Council 01/2021

1. Complete Rodda Center renovations
2. Fully support MOST Advisory Board recommendations to Council:  
December 8, 2020
3. Continue the plan to place Modular/Pre-Fabricated bathroom facility in the north end of Votee Park
4. Improve Brooks Park:
  - repair the walking trail to Renssealer Road and
  - add a stop or slow down sign at the path's end
5. Improve Phelps Park:
  - removal of the dilapidated building and replacement with a prefabricated building, if needed
  - improve lighting on the walk,
  - add a covered pavilion for picnic tables

# PPRAB Recommendations to Council

## 01/19/2021 (Continued)

6. Improve Brett Park:
  - repairing or demolishing Carriage House. If demolished this would create more park land
  - improve the pathway from the park to the Hackensack River,
  - prevent DPW from using Upper Brett Park as a junkyard
7. Fix fencing and backstops at all parks
8. Update playground equipment at all parks
9. Develop a miniature golf” or “putt-putt” facility in a park other than Votee
10. Add a second Dog Park at Sagamore, Bookstaver or Amman Park
11. Development of two walking paths, suggested name of GeriTred, specifically for older citizens with benches or seats at intervals and signage demonstrating chair exercises. (The parks chosen should be at different parts of Teaneck and have accessible parking).
12. Continue Votee Park ballfield improvements once grants and governmental support are obtained e.g. Votee Sportsplex and Bandshell replacement

# PPRAB Presentation to Council 1-19-2021

- THANK YOU for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you, members of the administration and the citizens of Teaneck on behalf of the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Advisory Board
- A safe, healthy and happy 2021 to all and please remember to wear a good face mask, maintain social distancing and get the anti-CoVoID-19 vaccine when it becomes available